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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CPA

Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action of August 15, 2002, and respectfully requests that it be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS

All the claims on file are reproduced below and indicated to be either amended or unchanged:

Please amend claims 1, 9, and 17, as follows:

1. (Replacement) A system for use with a search engine to rank search results, comprising:
an off-line ranking system for receiving any of users' off-line surveys or feedback about businesses;